

Maryland Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife and Heritage Service

Gwynnbrook Wildlife Management Area
3740 Gwynnbrook Avenue
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
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Central Region State Park Waterfowl Regulations 2015-2016

Forty-four waterfowl blind sites are available for public hunting in Elk Neck, Gunpowder Falls (Days Cove and North Point), and Susquehanna State Parks. All hunters are required to have a Managed Hunt Permit (\$35.00 and issued at a licensing agent) to hunt at any of the three State Parks. Additionally, waterfowl hunters need a Central Region Public Hunting Permit (free) and reservation, both of which will be issued at the Gwynnbrook Office in Owings Mills, Maryland. Permits and reservations will be available as follows: **August 10, 2015- February 15, 2016** between the hours of **7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**, Monday through Friday. The permit office will be closed on all State Holidays.

REGISTRATION: A seasonal permit will be issued to each hunter who registers with the permit coordinator at the Gwynnbrook Office. To register, a hunter may:

- a.) Visit the Gwynnbrook Office (Mon. through Fri., 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.), and present their hunting license at that time. Or,
- b.) Apply online at <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/publiclands/wmacentral.aspx>. Online applications will be processed within 1-2 business days. Permits will be sent to hunters via email. Or,
- c.) Mail a photocopy of their hunting license, daytime phone number, and vehicle tag # to the permit coordinator at the Gwynnbrook Office. **Include a letter-sized envelope with return address and first class postage. (We do not accept licenses by fax.)**

RESERVATIONS: A seasonal permit only entitles a hunter to make daily reservations. No one may be on these sites during hunt days without a reservation. Violators of these rules will be prosecuted.

Daily reservations are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, and may be made either by phone from 7:30-11:30am OR in person from 8:30-11:30am, Monday through Friday. A hunter may make one blind site reservation per phone call. **Reservations left on the answering machine will not be honored and calls will not be returned.**

Reservations ARE required for Sites 1-11, and Sites 26-45 and can be made up to four days in advance. A particular blind site may not be hunted by the same person more than once during the four day reservation period, regardless of who reserved the site. This restriction does not apply if the blind has not been reserved the day before or the day of the hunt. Hunters may reserve or hunt at more than one blind site within a four day period as long as they utilize different blind sites. You MUST register all hunters in your party with your reserved blind site and all hunters need to have permits. **If unable to hunt, you must cancel your reservation at least 24 hours in advance so that another hunter may utilize the opportunity to hunt. Cancellations may be left on the answering machine.**

Sites 12-24 DO NOT require a reservation. These sites are first-come, first serve, EXCEPT on lottery days when only lottery winners will be allowed to hunt. Hunters may not arrive at the sites or have decoys in the water earlier than 2 hours before sunrise. Overnight camping is strictly prohibited.

Permission to hunt does not include permission to litter, target shoot, or build permanent waterfowl blinds. **Failure to comply with any of these rules, and any hunting regulations, will result in a fine and/or suspension from the program.**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Hunting is only allowed at designated sites and is for waterfowl only. Each blind site is numbered with a post/sign or buoy. For sites requiring a reservation, site jumping or moving to an unoccupied blind site without a reservation is prohibited. Hunters must be within TWENTY-FIVE feet of the blind marker. Waterfowl hunters are responsible for locating their own boat launch locations. **Please be courteous and pick up all litter (including empty shotgun hulls) at each blind site.**

PARK SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Susquehanna and Elk Neck sites will be all day hunting and no lotteries. At Robert's Island a warning siren will sound when the dam is releasing water. Caution should be taken during this time. Also at **Robert's Island, hunting is not recommended after 3:00 p.m.** At the Elk Neck sites, you may only hunt from a boat or by standing in the water within TWENTY-FIVE (25) feet of the blind site buoy. Elk Neck sites will not be open until the second split of duck season.

Gunpowder sites will be a.m. hunting during the first duck season split and both of the later splits will be a.m. and p.m. hunting. Morning hunters are required to be packed up and off the site no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon). Early resident goose and teal hunting on all Gunpowder sites must conclude no later than 9:30 a.m. Blind number six (6) on Gunpowder requires hunters to have a dog, due to the thick vegetation that surrounds the site. Additionally, hunters on the Pleasure Island blind sites (15-17) will be allowed to hunt from either side of the Island. Lottery days for the Gunpowder sites will be all day hunting. Sites 26 and 27 will be open during the third duck season split only and will only be open for a.m. hunting. Hunters will be required to be off the water by 10 a.m. Site 25 is no longer available for hunting.

GUNPOWDER LOTTERY DATES AND PROCEDURES

Duck Split	Saturday	Sites Available	Lottery Due	Lottery Drawing
First Split	1 st	1-24	Sept 11, 2015	Sept 14, 2015
First Split	2 nd	1-24	Sept 11, 2015	Sept 14, 2015
Second Split	1 st	1-24	Oct 2, 2015	Oct 5, 2015
Third Split	1 st	1-27, except 25	Nov 6, 2015	Nov 9, 2015
Third Split	2 nd	12-27, except 25	Nov 6, 2015	Nov 9, 2015
Third Split	3 rd	12-27, except 25	Nov 6, 2015	Nov 9, 2015
Third Split	4 th	12-27, except 25	Nov 6, 2015	Nov 9, 2015

Reservations for seven (7) Saturdays will be issued by lottery. An official application (attached) must be filled out and returned to the Gwynnbrook Office. Lottery due dates and drawing dates are listed above. The lottery hunt dates will be posted as soon as the 2015-2016 duck season dates are released by the USFWS. All lotteries will be held at the Gwynnbrook Office. Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Hunters submitting more than one application will have all applications removed from the lottery.

Each application will be drawn only once during the lottery. If drawn, the successful applicant will be issued his/her first choice, if available. If his/her first choice is full, he/she will be issued their second choice, etc. Any remaining reservations will be unavailable for reservation. Hunters may not hunt an unoccupied site on a lottery day. Hunters need not be present to be selected through the lottery. **Only successful applicants will be notified by mail.** You must have your letter indicating the blind site you were chosen for on you while hunting. Applicants selected through the lottery need to notify our office if you are adding up to three more hunters to your site.

DAYS COVE SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Site #1 This site is located on the North Shore of the Bird River approximately 350 yards east of Bowerman's Marina. It is open water and is accessible during a low tide. Cover is limited and a camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.38081 W-76.38515

Site #2 This site is located on the North Shore of the Bird River approximately 750 yards east of Bowerman's Marina. The site is at the rear of a slight cove on open water and is accessible during a low tide. Cover is limited and a camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.38184 W-76.38081

Site #3 This site is located on the North Shore of the Bird River approximately 1100 yards east of Bowerman's Marina. The site is on a slight point of land on open water and is accessible during a low tide. Cover is limited and a camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.38039 W-76.37693

Site #4 This site is located on the North Shore of the Bird River approximately 300 yards west of the mouth of Duck Creek on open water. The site is on a slight point of land on open water and is accessible during a low tide. Cover is limited and a camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.38140 W-76.37277

Site #5 This site is located on the North Shore of the Bird River at the mouth of Duck Creek. The site is on open water and is accessible during a low tide. A camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.38276 W-76.37113

Site #6 This site is located near the headwaters of Duck Creek. Travel up Duck Creek until the number six sign is visible (approximately 300 yards). The site is shallow at high tide and nearly impossible to access on a low tide. The creek is very narrow and the shoreline has a large stand of cattails and phragmites. A small boat is recommended and a **retrieving dog is required to hunt this site**. GPS Location N39.38334 W-76.37497

Site #7 This site is located on the North Shore of the Bird River where the main branch of the Big Gunpowder Falls joins the Bird River. The site is on a point of land on open water with good visibility of the Big Gunpowder Falls and the Bird River. This open water site is accessible during a low tide. Some cover is available and a camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.38556 W-76.36837

Site #8 This site is located on the western tip of an island. It is on the main branch of the Big Gunpowder Falls. The island is approximately 250 yards east of the mouth of the Little Gunpowder Falls. This river site provides fair cover, but a limited field of view. A small boat is advisable and access may be limited during a low tide. GPS Location N39.40282 W-76.37104

Site #9 This site is on the North Shore of the main branch of the Big Gunpowder Falls approximately 650 yards east of the island. The river provides good cover, but a limited field of view. A small boat is advisable and access may be limited during a low tide. GPS Location N39.40244 W-76.37802

Site #10 This site is located on the East Shore of the main branch of the Big Gunpowder Falls between the mouth of Days Cove and the mouth of the Little Gunpowder. This site has good water during a low tide and good visibility. Cover is limited and a camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.39924 W-76.36012

Site #11 This site is in the marsh between Days Cove and Mariner Point Marina. The site is located approximately 250 yards east of the main branch of the Big Gunpowder Falls on the only channel that runs east to west through the marsh. The marsh is covered with cattail and phragmites. There is good visibility at this site. Access to the site is limited during low tide and a small camouflaged boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.39640 W-76.35669

NORTH POINT SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Site #12 This site is just north of Shallow Creek along the shore of North Point State Park. The water is very shallow and there are some reeds and bushes for cover. Depending upon the weather this site offers little cover from the wind and waves. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. GPS Location N39.20412 W-76.43042. **Due to construction this site may be closed for the 2013-2014 hunting season.**

Site #13 This site is at the end Ferry Grove Pier at the sunken barges. Hunters using this site will either need to use a camouflaged boat or some hunters prefer to tie up in front or back of barges to hunt. Depending upon the weather this site offers little cover from the wind and waves. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. GPS Location N39.21338 W-76.41618. **Hunters are asked to stay off the barges due to poor and unsafe conditions.**

Site #14 This site is north of Ferry Grove Pier along the shore of North Point State Park. There are reeds available for cover at this site. Depending upon the weather this site offers little cover from the wind and waves. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. GPS Location N39.22326 W-76.41271

Site #15 This site is on the southern tip of Pleasure Island. There are reeds available for cover at this site. Hunters may hunt either side of the island depending upon weather conditions (See map for exact location). GPS Location N39.23207 W-76.39440 or GPS Location N39.23340 W-76.39529

Site #16 This site is in the middle section of Pleasure Island. There are reeds available for cover at this site however, hunting a short distance offshore with a camouflaged boat would be recommended. If hunting on the Bay Side, hunt in front of rock jetty. Beware of submerged rocks between jetties. Hunters may hunt either side of the island depending upon weather conditions (See map for exact location). GPS Location N39.23270 W-76.39131 or GPS Location N39.23420 W-76.39205

Site #17 This site is on the northern tip of Pleasure Island, facing the southern end of Hart Miller Island. There are phragmites and reeds available for cover at this site. GPS Location N39.23534 W-76.38967

Site #18 This site is southeast of the MES Pier on Hart Miller Island. It is at a slight point of land. Depending upon the weather this site offers little cover from the wind and waves. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. **Also, due to the MES Pier and the road along the dike all shooting MUST be directed out over the open water and hunters must hunt from a boat.** GPS Location N39.23976 W-76.38251

Site #19 This site is on Drum Point of Hart Miller Island. Drum Point is on the west side of the island between the MES Pier and Hawk Cove. There is little cover at this site. A camouflage boat or portable blind is recommended because this site faces the setting sun. GPS Location N39.24918 W-76.38665

Site #20 This site is on the point of land between Drum Point and the main complex/beach area on Hart Miller Island. There are reeds for cover and the water is shallow at low tide. This site also faces the setting sun. GPS Location N39.25169 W-76.37826

Site #21 This site is on a small section of riprap north of the Hart Miller Island main complex/beach area. The water is shallow and there are no reeds available for cover. You will be facing the setting sun. GPS Location N39.25829 W-76.36401

Site #22 This site is north of the Hart Miller Island main complex/beach area. There are reeds, bushes, and small trees available for cover. The water is shallow and you will be facing the setting sun. GPS Location N39.25966 W-76.35991

Site #23 This site is on the northwest corner of Hart Miller Island in the back of a small cove. The water is shallow and there are reeds available for cover. GPS Location N39.26147 W-76.35612

Site #24 This site is on the north shore of Hart Miller Island. There are remnants of an old wooden pier at this location. Depending on the weather, this site offers little cover from the wind and waves. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. **Also, due to the road along the dike all shooting MUST be directed out over the open water and hunters must hunt from a boat.** GPS Location N39.25940 W-76.34876

DUNDEE CREEK AND GUNPOWDER RIVER SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Site #25 This site will no longer be available for hunting.

Site #26 This site is in Government Cove in Dundee Creek. The site is located about 50 yards offshore. Hunters must anchor to the blind stake. **This site will only be available during the third duck season split. Hunters must be off the water by 10 a.m.** GPS Location N39.34529 W-76.35349

Site #27 Hunters may utilize the new or old location of this site, but not both at the same time (see map). This site is off the end of Jetty 6 in the Gunpowder River or inside Cunningham Cove. **This site will only be available during the third duck season split. Hunters must be off the water by 10 a.m.** Hunters MUST shoot over the water, DO NOT shoot towards land. GPS Location N39.36178 W-76.33921 or N39.34529 W-76.35349

ELK NECK STATE PARK SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Elk River Sites

Site #28 This site is located north of the Thackery Point Wastewater Plant at the old boat launching ramp. It is protected from all but an east wind. Hunters need to be aware of the wave action from ships using the C & D Canal Route. GPS Location N39.47523 W-75.96930

Site #29 This site is located in the cove between Thackery and Stoney Points. A large marsh is behind the blind site buoy. Hunters will have open water to their front and should be aware of the wave action from ships using the C & D Canal Route. GPS Location N39.47321 W-75.97602

Site #30 This site is located in the cove south of Stoney Point and north of the Rogues Harbor boating facility. A large marsh is behind the blind site buoy. Hunters will have open water to their front and should be aware of the wave action from ships using the C & D Canal Route. GPS Location N39.46947 W-75.98341

Site #31 This site is located south of the Chesapeake Isle Development and approximately 50 yards north of the northern most rock pile in the Elk River off of Turkey Point. A marsh is behind the blind site and the site buoy is located east of a row of cedar trees on the shore line. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully because this open water site is very susceptible to wind and wave action. A large boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.45113 W-76.00005

Chesapeake Bay Sites

Site #32 This site is located on the western shore of Turkey Point where the Turkey Point Lighthouse trail (formerly the blue trail) exits the woods. A southerly wind can create waves reaching 3-4 feet high. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully because this open water site is very susceptible to wind and wave action. A large boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.45193 W-76.01242

Site #33 This site is located in the cove north of the Chesapeake Isle Development on the west side of the Turkey Point Peninsula. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. A large boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.47619 W-75.99569

Site #34 This site is located off of Rocky Point and south of the North East swimming beach. Open water is to the west and the Susquehanna Flats are in close proximity. Hunters should use caution and watch the weather carefully. A large boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.48543 W-75.99584

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Sand Island Sites

Caution: Hunters must be aware of weather conditions due to the open water that must be traveled to reach the Sand Islands. High winds can cause waves that could be dangerous to open boats loaded with hunters and decoys. Cell phones are recommended for hunters that want to hunt these islands.

Site #35 This site is at the northern end of North Island. The blind stake is located approximately 20 feet from the shore in front of some downed trees. A boat can be anchored against the trees. On low tide and/or a north wind, access can be limited. GPS Location N39.50322 W-76.09342

Site #36 This site is at the southern end of North Island. The blind stake is located approximately 20 feet from shore. On low tide and/or a north wind, access can be limited. GPS Location N39.50208 W-76.09292

Site #37 This site is at the northern end of South Island. The blind stake is located approximately 20 feet from the shore in front of some downed trees. A boat can be anchored against the trees. On low tide and/or a north wind, access can be limited. GPS Location N39.49653 W-76.09305

Site #38 This site is at the southern end of South Island. The blind stake is located approximately 20 feet from shore. The site is accessible during low tide and a camouflage boat is recommended. GPS Location N39.49493 W-76.09258

Susquehanna River Sites (Sites 41-45 – HUNTING not recommended after 3:00pm or during spill conditions)

Caution: Hunters must be aware of river conditions due to tides and river flow from Conowingo Dam. The water level can change very rapidly and have strong currents that can affect boat travel to and from the blind sites on *Robert's Island*.

Conowingo Generation Hotline: 1-888-457-4076 Conowingo Spill Conditions Hotline(flood gates): 1-877-457-2525

Site #39 This site is the southern most site of the two river sites. Hunters must remain in the boat and be within 25 feet of the blind site marker. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. GPS Location N39.58220 W-76.11391

Site #40 This site is the northern most site of the two river sites. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. GPS Location N39.58612 W-76.11868

Site #41 This site is on *Robert's Island*. The blind site marker is located along the north side of the island on the shoreline. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. GPS Location N39.61339 W-76.13604

Site #42 This site is located on the north shore of *Robert's Island*. The blind site marker is centrally located along the shoreline. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. River conditions due to tides and Conowingo Dam water flow can make access very limiting. Caution against rocks in this area during boat travel. GPS Location N39.61457 W-76.13827

Site #43 This site is the northern most site on *Robert's Island*. The blind site marker is located on the north shore along the shoreline. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. River conditions due to tides and Conowingo Dam water flow can make access very limiting. Caution against rocks in this area during boat travel. GPS Location N39.61617 W-76.14128

Site #44 This site is centrally located along the north shore of *Wood Island* facing *Robert's Island*. The blind site marker is located along the shoreline. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. Caution against rocks in this area during boat travel. GPS Location N39.611498 W-76.139287

Site #45 This site is located on the south side of *Robert's Island*. The blind site marker is located in-between a small strip of land and Robert's Island on the shore of Robert's Island. Hunters can hunt from a boat or on shore within 25 feet of the blind site marker. Caution against rocks in this area during boat travel. GPS Location N39.61429 W-76.14101

BOAT LAUNCH INFORMATION

- **Boat Ramps Near Days Cove**
 - **Mariner Point Park (410-612-1608)**
 - **Bowerman Marina (410-335-8756)**

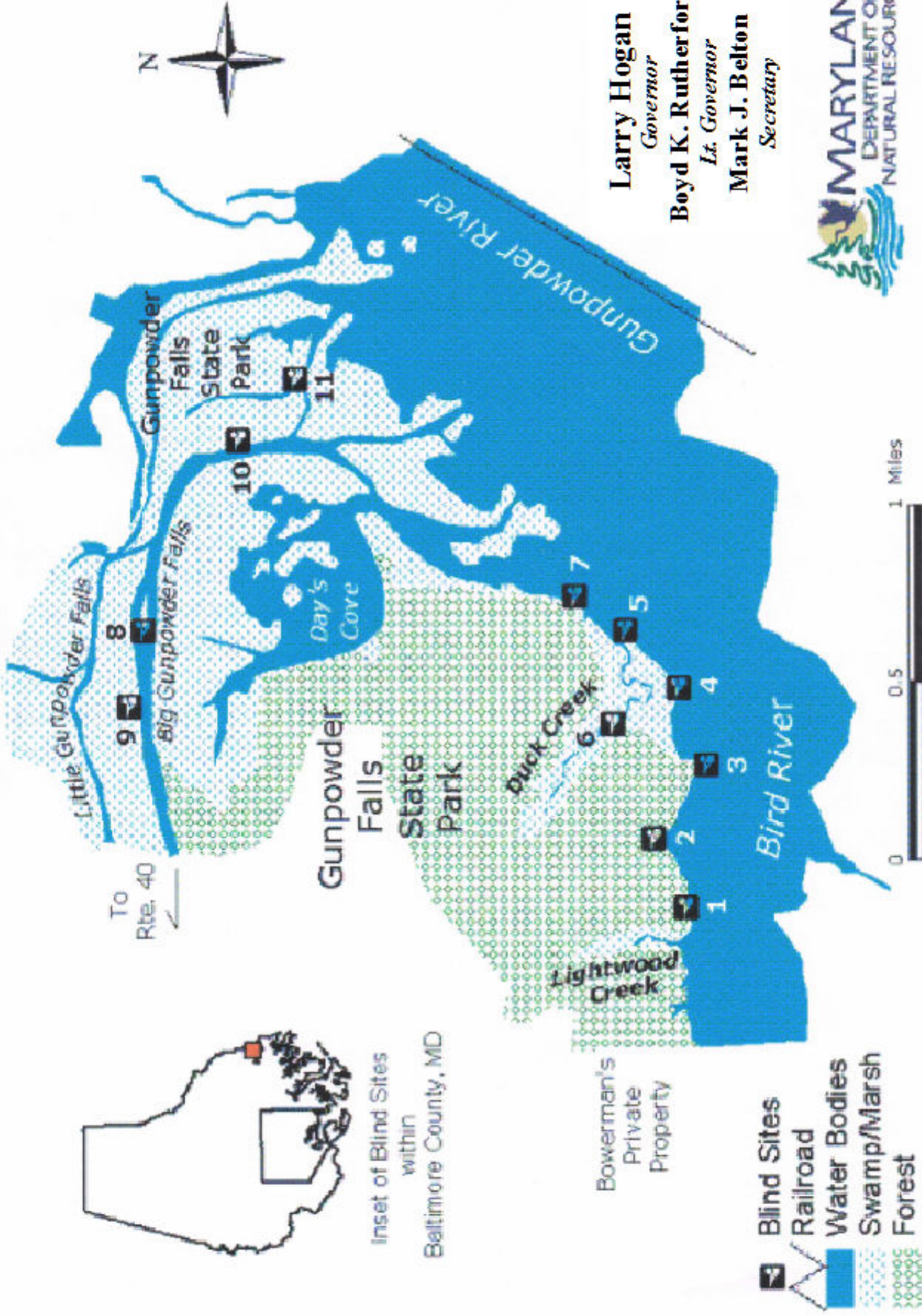
- **Boat Ramps Near Robert's Island**
 - **Lapidum Boat Ramp (410-734-9035)**

- **Boat Ramps Near Hart Miller Island**
 - **Rocky Point Park (410-887-3873)**
 - **Miller's Island Crab Pot Supply (410-477-9008)**

*Hunters are responsible for locating their own boat launches. Listed are a few that may be available within a reasonable distance of the blind sites. Please call boat ramps for prices and availability. You may also view boat ramps on the Maryland DNR website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/boatramps.asp>

Gunpowder Falls State Park Waterfowl Sites

Days Cove Blind Sites
Baltimore County, Maryland



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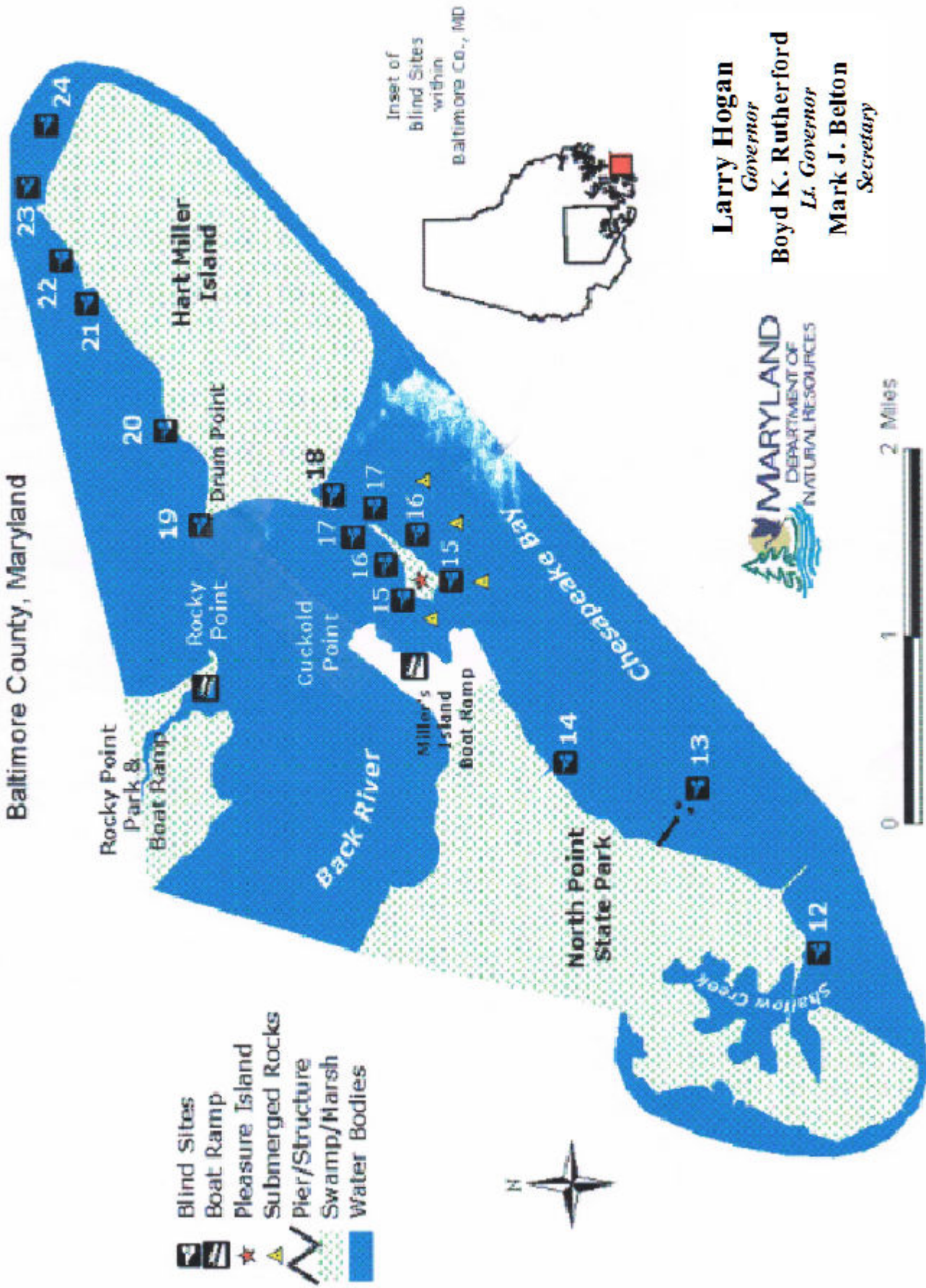
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North Point and Hart Miller Island State Park Blind Sites

Baltimore County, Maryland

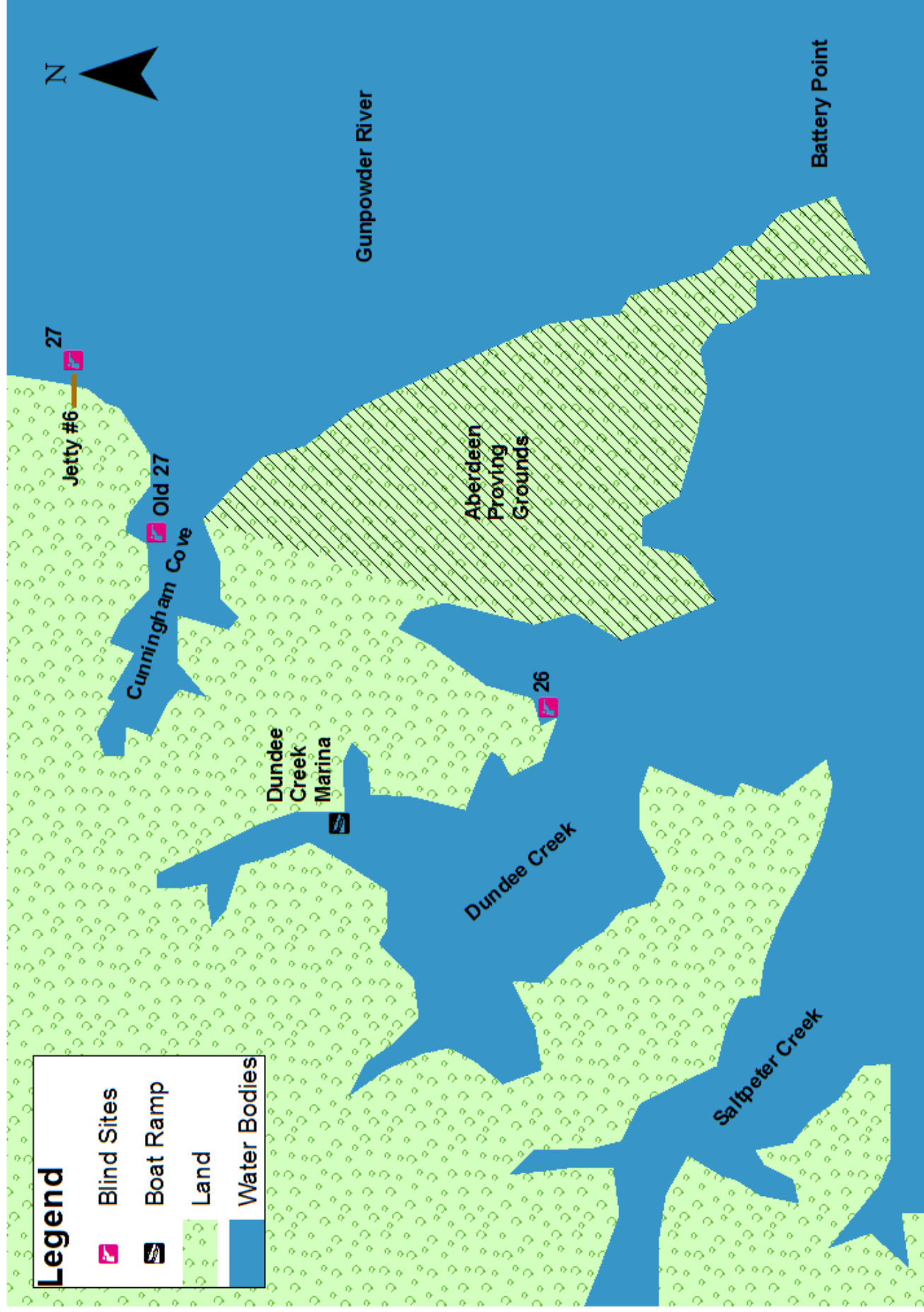


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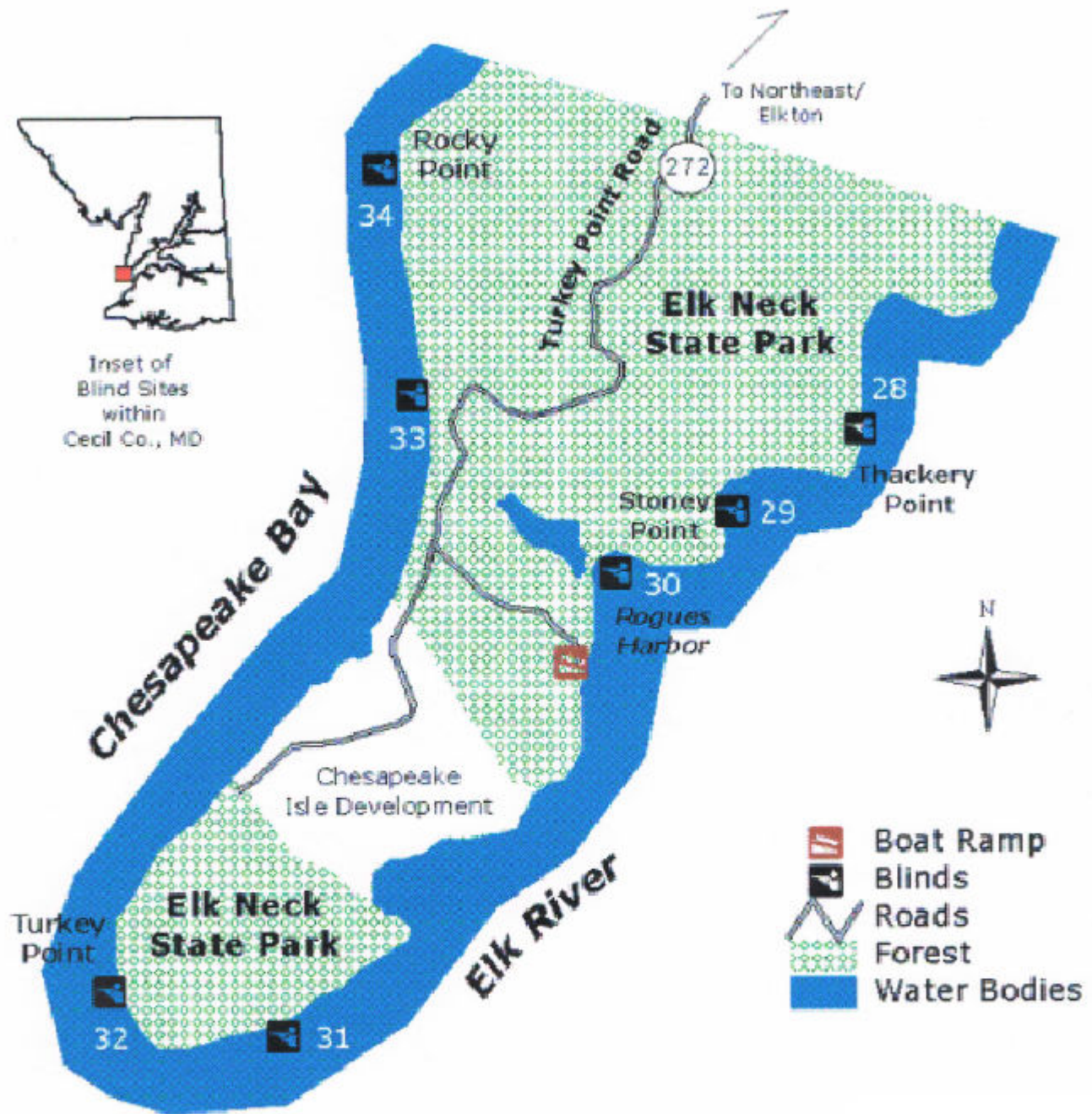
Gunpowder Falls State Park Waterfowl Sites

Dundee Creek and Gunpowder River Blind Sites



Elk Neck State Park Waterfowl Sites

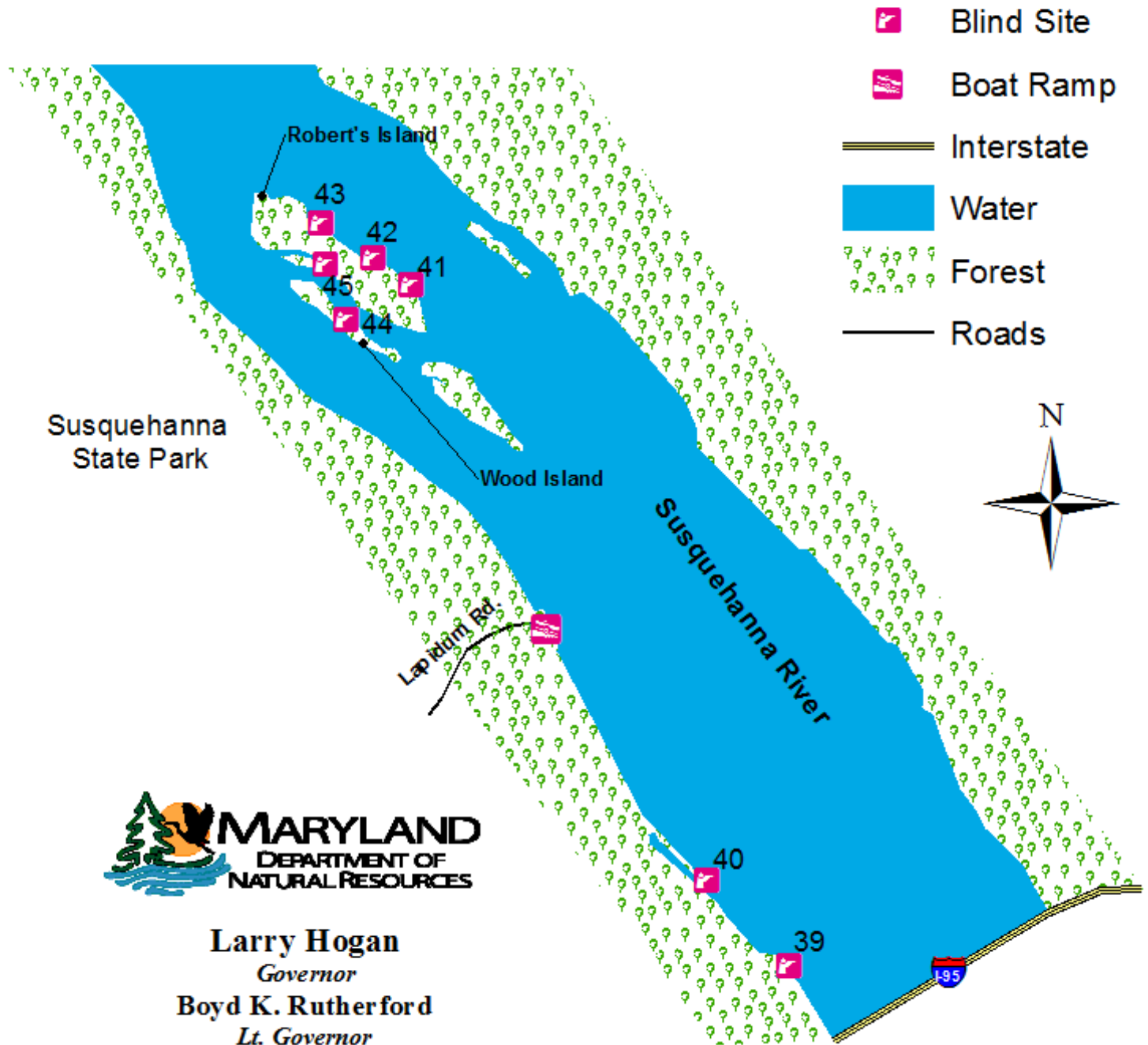
Elk River & Chesapeake Bay Blind Sites
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Susquehanna State Park Waterfowl Sites

Robert's Island, Wood Island, and Susquehanna River Sites
Harford County, Maryland



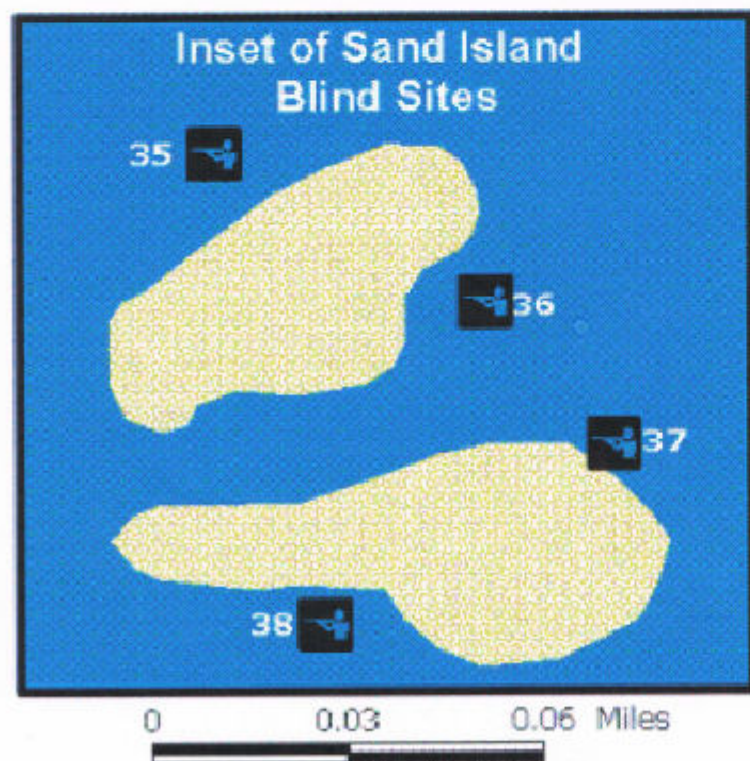
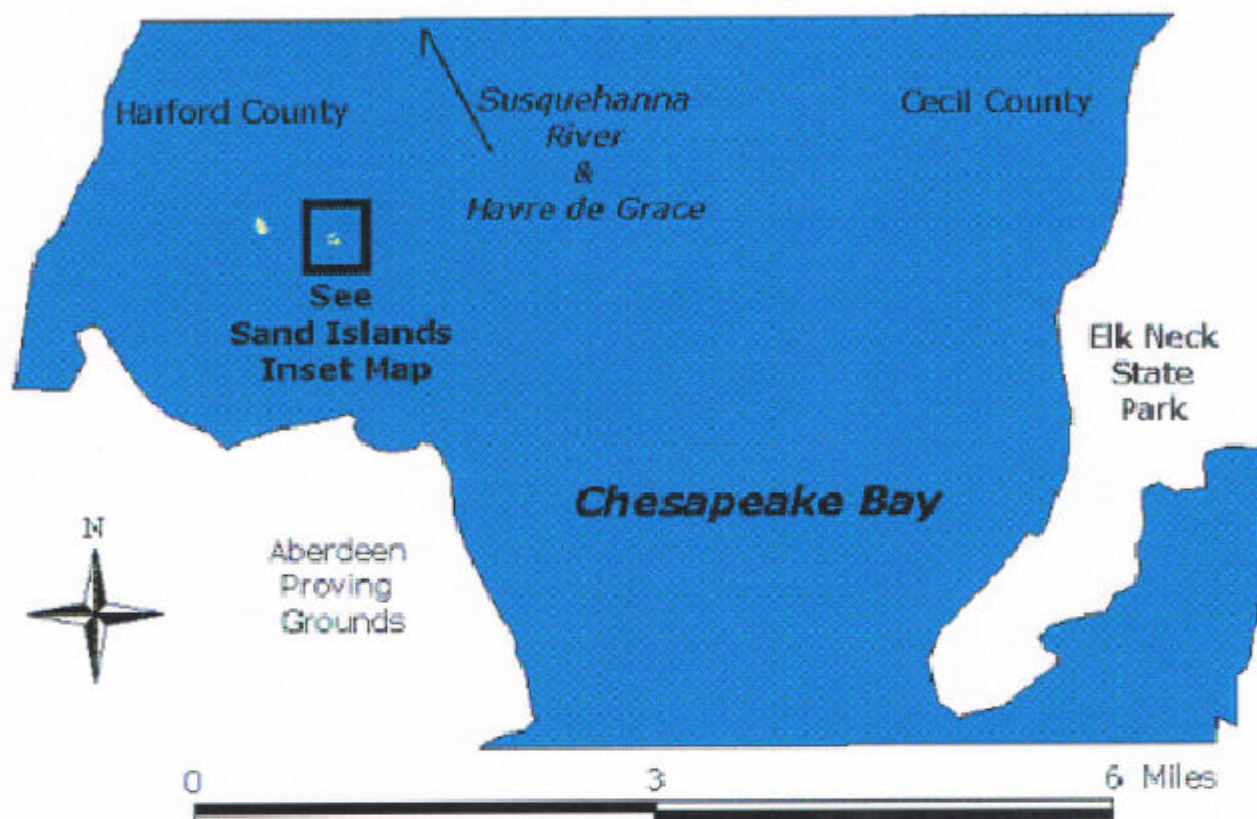
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Susquehanna State Park Waterfowl Sites

Sand Island Blind Sites
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- Blind Sites
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Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Applications 2015-2016

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application First Split- 1st Saturday

Application Deadline: September 11, 2015

Drawing Date: September 14, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 1-24)**

3rd Choice: _____

Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application First Split- 2nd Saturday

Application Deadline: September 11, 2015

Drawing Date: September 14, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 1-24)**

3rd Choice: _____

Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application Second Split- 1st Saturday

Application Deadline: October 2, 2015

Drawing Date: October 5, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 1-24)**

3rd Choice: _____

Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application Third Split- 1st Saturday

Application Deadline: November 6, 2015

Drawing Date: November 9, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 1-27)**

3rd Choice: _____ **(NO 25)**

Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application Third Split- 2nd Saturday

Application Deadline: November 6, 2015

Drawing Date: November 9, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 12-27)**

3rd Choice: _____ **(NO 25)**

Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application Third Split- 3rd Saturday

Application Deadline: November 6, 2015

Drawing Date: November 9, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 12- 27)**

3rd Choice: _____ **(NO 25)**

Gunpowder Waterfowl Lottery Application Third Split- 4th Saturday

Application Deadline: November 6, 2015

Drawing Date: November 9, 2015

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Central Region Permit #: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **(BLIND SITES 12-27)**

3rd Choice: _____ **(NO 25)**

RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

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